

### CAN RECONVERT WAR INSURANCE

Ruling Permits Former Service Men to Reinstate Lapsed Policies

#### LEGION POST NOTES

War risk or term insurance which has been allowed to lapse by former service men may be reinstated and converted into Government life insurance at any time prior to January 1, 1922, according to a new ruling of the Treasury Department, recently announced by Director C. R. Forbes, of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, with the approval of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

The new ruling is known as "Treasury Decision 67, W. R.," and provides for insurance policies to the veterans more liberal in their scope, and directs the reinstatement of lapsed policies regardless of how long they may have lapsed. Government peace-time insurance is more liberal than that which can be written for the applicant by a private company, though the war rates have been readjusted to more nearly the basis of existing insurance rates.

Department Commander David J. Davis received the full conditions under which war insurance of the soldiers could be reinstated, and information as to the conditions to be complied with will be furnished veterans at State headquarters.

The women's auxiliary of the Albert Clinton Wunderlich Post, No. 63, of Lansdowne, has recently been organized and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. Albert Wunderlich; vice president, Mrs. Frank Ryan; secretary, Mrs. Le Roy Van Roden; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Neal.

Lafayette Post, No. 264, and the Harold D. Speakman Post of Narberth, held a picnic last Saturday afternoon. Track meets for both the posts and the auxiliaries were held and a ball game staged between the two posts.

At its last meeting Prince-Forbes Post, No. 7, held a "Red's Night" and an elaborate entertainment marked the post's last meeting until September. The post recently voted to suspend activities until after the vacation season.

Shubin-Buchsbaur Post, No. 95, acted as hosts on a moonlight excursion last night up the Delaware on the steamship Queen Anne. The moonlight was attended by the post, the auxiliary and their invited guests. Dancing was the feature of the evening and refreshments were served on the boat.

One U. S. Bureau Efficient  
Washington, July 13.—(By A. P.)—One Government office has a reason for fear when visited by the Federal budget economists. The Government fuel yards, handling 275,000 tons of coal annually for some 800 Government branches, today was given a "thumbs up" decree by the Bureau of Efficiency.

### LOVE BLAMED AS LURE FOR WOMEN CRIMINALS

Police Matron Asserts Men Are Causes of Mistakes in Most Cases of Downfall in Other Sex

Ninety-nine of every hundred women who steal, lie, cheat and kill and are caught in the coils of the law for it, sin for the sake of some man.

Only one woman in a hundred is herself the instigator and originator of a crime. This was not learned in a casual half hour of prison inspection. It is vital flesh and blood statistics gleaned through the experience of a real woman in twenty years of close contact with women offenders.

Up on the seventh floor of the City Hall in a cozy apartment known as the police matron's room sits Mrs. Mary C. Moore. She is one of the two police matrons at Central Station who look after the city's women wrong doers. Many the night she has been wined from her seat to minister to the comforts of some weary, weak unfortunate. Countless are the stories that have been unburdened on her broad motherly bosom. Dull eyed, disillusioned girls in bedraggled finery have wept as they talked. Older women have wept, too, but some of them cursed.

Still Sees Good in All  
There are those who say the work of the police matron hardens her but Mrs. Moore has a different way of looking at it. Her kindly blue eyes have a note of tenderness as she explains. "I have learned," she said as she sat in her City Hall apartment during a brief half-hour of respite, "that women, that is the majority of women, are of themselves good. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred some man is at the bottom of their trouble."

"It is perhaps a queer kind of love that makes a woman steal for a man, but love is after all, I suppose, a matter of sacrifice. In her own private life the woman criminal is often flawless, but give her a man she cares for and who she thinks cares for her, there is nothing she won't sacrifice for him. She gives the last shred of honor and reputation for him and even when she's caught she still will stick to him. The only thing that will make her turn on him is his infidelity."

An understanding sort of sympathy crept into Mrs. Moore's quiet explanation as she talked. Her years of patient service at the House of Correction, in the Eighth District police station and in the City Hall itself seemed out of a hundred. Her judgment a kindly balance which all the sorrows of life could not disturb.

The case of Jean Cunningham, the girl in New York who confessed to stealing jewelry when confronted with the question: "I suppose you know that bird you stole for went and got married, don't you?" was discussed. "That's just what I mean," Mrs. Moore said. "It was the thought of the man's unfaithfulness that made the girl turn. She would have forgiven him anything in the world but that. She would rather have taken a beating. They all would."

It's the Woman Who Pays  
"And what does the woman criminal get in return for her sacrifice?" Mrs. Moore continued, "nothing! The man's infatuation is passing. He throws her over like as not when she has served them all."



MRS. MARY C. MOORE

his purpose. If only a woman could see this first. But they won't learn. Even in face of most bitter cruelty they go on loving."

Mrs. Moore cited the instance of a woman who had been the victim of the most barbaric cruelty. In her suffering she only looked up and sobbed, "He didn't mean it. Oh, I love him so."

She pointed to the instance of Habette De Mers, recently sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for helping a sailor to hold up a taxi driver, as a case where a girl had done wrong for the sake of a man.

"Habette, by the way," she remarked, "was an ideal girl to have

around. She was as neat as a pin in her cell." "Boots," of recent notoriety, was discussed, but this particular prisoner did not come in for praise for her domestic propensities. Most of her days were spent in close consultation with a small hand-mirror, or in eating fruit sent to her. "Boots," by the way, was not classed as a woman who had done wrong for the sake of the love of a man.

While Mrs. Moore was talking there was a knock at the door and a police sergeant ushered in a colored woman who shot and killed her husband two nights ago when he used his fists on her because the supper was cold. Six years ago this same woman killed another husband in a fit of frenzy, but was discharged on the plea of self-defense.

Half crazed with fear and crying, she stood before Mrs. Moore.

Consoles Husband Slayer  
"Poor Susie," Mrs. Moore said soothingly, "take off your hat. There, now, that's cooler. I wish I could do something for you, Susie. Go down like a good girl and get rested."

"He kept at me," sobbed the girl, breaking down at the kind words, "and I couldn't stand it no longer. Oh, this life is miserable for me; it's miserable. Yes-um, I'll do what you say."

Away they led her in a few minutes and the conversation turned to happier subjects. The three girls who came from Washington on the train and who tried to go back in a taxi cab were discussed.

"They were good girls," Mrs. Moore explained. "I'd have staked my life on that. You should have seen them break down during the religious services we have on Sunday afternoon."

"But most women want to be good," Mrs. Moore concluded. "There is no question about it. Women are far more moral and finer in every sense than men. They simply have not the real criminal instinct in them. It is men who instigate the crimes of the world."

Fire Damages 2d Street Building  
Fire was discovered last night on the second floor of the building at 51 and 53 North Second street. The floor is occupied by the Lion Waist Co. Little damage was done due to the prompt arrival of the firemen. The cause is undetermined.

### SAYS WOMAN ATTACKED HIM

Preacher-Sheriff Causes National Park Resident's Arrest

The Rev. Elmer Finger, a Methodist preacher and Deputy Sheriff of National Park, N. J., who was punched by a prisoner last Sunday, today caused the arrest of Mrs. Anna Heistand, of National Park, on a charge of interfering with an officer.

Mr. Finger, in an affidavit before Justice of the Peace Goffrey, of Woodbury, swore Mrs. Heistand attacked him and used abusive language while he had William Gaul, of Jackson street, near Thirteenth, this city, in custody.

Gaul had been turned over to the preacher by another Deputy Sheriff. He turned on Finger suddenly, struck him in the face and escaped. He was recaptured the next morning. Gaul last night was released when his father furnished \$200 cash bail for his appearance in court.

Mrs. Heistand will be arraigned next Friday evening before Squire Goffrey at Woodbury.

Watch Presented to Rector  
A reception was given last night to the Rev. Carroll M. Bureke, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension (Gloucester, N. J.), in honor of his years of service as rector. The congregation gave him a gold watch.

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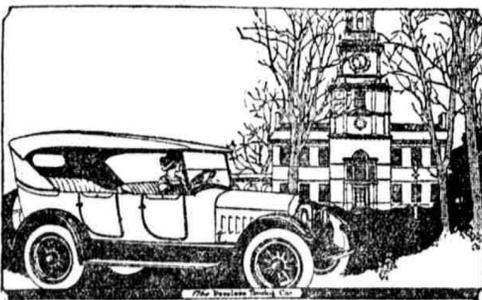
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